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# Minutes

## Board of Natural Resources Meeting

July 11, 2006  
Natural Resources Building, Olympia, Washington

### BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Terry Bergeson, Superintendent of Public Instruction

Doug Sutherland, Commissioner of Public Lands

Bob Nichols, for Governor Christine Gregoire

### BOARD MEMBERS VIA CONFERENCE CALL

Ted Anderson, Commissioner, Skagit County

Daniel J. Bernardo, Dean, Washington State University, College of Agricultural, Human, and Natural Resource Sciences

### BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Bruce Bare, Dean, University of Washington, College of Forest Resources

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### CALL TO ORDER

Chair Sutherland called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m. on, July 11, 2006, in Room 172 of the Natural Resources Building.

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: Mr. Anderson moved to approve the June 6, 2006 Board of Natural Resources Regular Meeting Minutes.

SECOND: Mr. Nichols seconded.

ACTION: Motion passed unanimously.

### PUBLIC COMMENTS FOR AGENDA ACTION ITEMS

#### Jeffrey Thomas - Director of Puyallup Tribe

Mr. Thomas said he did not hear about the Policy for Sustainable Forests (PSF) update to the 1992 Forest Resource Plan. He suggested that it did not come up in any tribal discussions he has been involved in. He stated that he does not have a copy of the document that would replace what he is currently using. He added that he does have the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) and the EIS. He stated that other tribes did not have the PSF documents either. He wanted to know how this miscommunication happened and that the tribes are concerned. Mr. Thomas said that The Puyallup Tribe asks that the adoption be referred to a later date. He questioned the follow-up after the initial scoping and felt that this should have been a key document at the West Side summit. He recommended that DNR reinstate the language to establish a program to identify and protect historical and archaeological sites. The tribe would like the Board to take more time before adopting the final policy.

Chair Sutherland asked Mr. Sprague if they sent this specific information to Mr. Thomas and Mr. Sprague said he recalled submitting this information to Mr. Thomas and discussing it at the Westside Summit.

Mr. Sprague confirmed that the information was sent to the Puyallup tribe.

Mr. Anderson commented that he was surprised that there were people that had not heard about the PSF, as it had been on the news and in the paper.

## **LAND TRANSACTIONS (ACTION ITEM)**

### Boxley Creek Direct Transfer #02-078537 (Handout 1)

Mr. Challstedt came forward to present. He stated that the property is located in King County, four miles southeast of North Bend and adjacent to the Seattle Watershed. The proposal is to transfer 110 acres to the City of Seattle, in which it would be incorporated into the Chester Morris Reservoir, within the Cedar River Watershed. The total value to the Real Property Replacement Account would be \$345,000. Transfer of this property would eliminate isolated property that is inefficient to manage and would dispose of property with potential liabilities.

MOTION: Mr. Anderson moved to approve Resolution #1204.

SECOND: Ms. Bergeson seconded.

ACTION: Motion passed unanimously.

### South Pierce Wetland TLT #02-077939 (Handout 1)

Mr. Challstedt presented. He stated that this property is located in Pierce County, seven miles east of Yelm, adjacent to Highway 702. The property consists of 158 acres of Common School Trust. The timber value is \$1,309,000; the land value is \$1,056,000; with a total value of \$2,365,000. Transfer of this property would divest the Trusts of low-income producing property; timber value benefits school construction; land value is reinvested in productive land; property transfers to Pierce County Parks & Recreation and is dedicated to wildlife habitat, open space, or recreation purposes.

MOTION: Ms. Bergeson moved to approve Resolution #1205.

SECOND: Mr. Anderson seconded.

ACTION: Motion passed unanimously.

### Harry Osborn Park TLT #02-078806 (Handout 1)

Mr. Challstedt presented. He stated that this property is located in King County, ¼ mile north of the City of Sammamish, adjacent to Fall City Road. This park consists of five acres of Common School Trust. Timber value is \$83,000; land value is \$175,000; with a total value of \$258,000. Transfer of this property would divest the Trusts of low-income producing property; timber value would benefit school construction; land value would be reinvested in productive land; property transfers to the City of Sammamish; Mineral rights would be retained by Common School Trust.

MOTION: Ms. Bergeson moved to approve Resolution #1206.

SECOND: Mr. Anderson seconded.

ACTION: Motion passed unanimously.

### Upper Maxwellton Valley TLT (Handout 1)

Mr. Challstedt presented. He stated that this property is two miles south of Langley on Whidbey Island and the recipient is South Whidbey Parks and Recreation District. The property consists of 200 acres of Common School Trust. Timber value is \$1,389,000; land value is \$2,400,000; total value is \$3,789,000. Transfer of this property divests the Trusts of low-income producing property; timber value benefits Common School Construction; land value would be used to acquire replacement trust land.

MOTION: Ms. Bergeson moved to approve Resolution #1207.

SECOND: Mr. Anderson seconded.

ACTION: Motion passed unanimously.

## **TIMBER SALES (Action Item)**

### Proposed Timber Sales for August & September 2006 (Handout 2)

Jon Tweedale came forward to present the June 2006 timber sales results:

21 sales offered & 17 sold; 87.8 mmbf offered & 74.9 mmbf sold; \$25.1 million minimum bid & \$26.6 million sold; \$287/mbf & \$355/mbf sold; average number of bidders is 4.3; 21% above minimum bid.

Mr. Tweedale stated that log prices are still trending upward. He said that housing starts are somewhat volatile right now but regionally demand for logs is up significantly.

FY06 Results of Sales:

527 mmbf sold, \$195,670,000 sold value, \$372/mbf average stumpage.

Proposed August 2006 Board Sales:

10 sales at 34.6 mmbf; \$11.1 million minimum bid; average \$290/mbf.

Proposed September 2006 Board Sales:

9 sales at 28.7 mmbf; \$11.0 million minimum bid; average \$331/mbf.

MOTION: Ms. Bergeson moved to approve the August 2006 timber sales.

SECOND: Mr. Anderson seconded.

ACTION: Motion passed unanimously

MOTION: Ms. Bergeson moved to approve the September 2006 timber sales.

SECOND: Mr. Anderson seconded.

ACTION: Motion passed unanimously.

## **CHAIR REPORTS**

### Policy for Sustainable Forests

Bruce Mackey and Clay Sprague came forward to discuss the review and approval of the Policy for Sustainable Forests. Mr. Mackey thanked the Board for the thought and effort they have put into the process. Mr. Mackey thanked Clay Sprague for leading the efforts, Farra Vargas for her work on outreach and organizing the project information, Dave Dietzman for SEPA review, and Jodi Barnes for

supporting the project team and keeping them on track. He also thanked Craig Partridge and Phil Ferester who helped as well.

Clay Sprague talked about two written comments from the Yakama and Muckleshoot tribes and a phone call he received from the Puyallup tribe this morning. The first comment was concern about not being provided an appropriate opportunity to view and comment on cultural resources policy. Mr. Sprague ran through the steps that were taken to include the tribes. He reviewed written correspondence that went out to all the tribes. In April the PSF team asked for comments on the draft EIS and did receive two comments from tribes.

The second point made by the tribes refers to the agency cultural resources statement. They felt that the new language does not identify and protect historical and archeological sites. Mr. Sprague highlighted the following timeline of outreach that occurred throughout the PSF project.

In February of 2004 DNR sent out letters to each individual tribe announcing that the department was beginning a review and update of the Forest Resource Plan and invited any and all the tribes to meet with the department to provide earlier dialogue and input on issues important to the tribe.

The department also issued an official scoping notice in March 2004 that again, went to all the tribes, announcing seven public workshops statewide in March and April 2004 to obtain input on the process and what should be analyzed in the Draft EIS.

The PSF team was contacted by several tribes and had meetings with six tribes in April of 2004 as shown on page two of the Communications and Project Plan. They were the: Quinault, Lummi, Hoh, Makah, and Quileute, tribes. The Yakama tribe had not contacted the department.

In August of 2004, the department again sent out letters to each individual tribe, inviting them to meet with the department to discuss the update and review of the Forest Resource Plan and more specifically the draft policy subjects and alternative approaches that the Board would be considering. Only one tribe, the Cowlitz, asked to meet with the department, which occurred on September 20, 2004.

The department issued the Draft EIS in April 2005 and asked for comments on the policy subjects and alternative approaches, including the department recommended approach. The DEIS and the request for comments was sent to all the tribes. The department received two letters from tribes, one from the Point no Point Treaty Council and the other from the Snoqualmie tribe.

Finally the department issued the Final EIS in June 2006 and a copy was sent to all the tribes.

Mr. Sprague referred to the FEIS discussion of the Cultural Resources policy starting on page 3-148, the Alternative 2 discussion, where it states that this alternative which is also identical to the Board preferred, directs the department to maintain its existing program, that is established and up and running, for identifying and protecting historic and archaeological sites consistent with state and federal law. It reads "protect" in the policy as meaning "identify and protect".

On page 3-149 under Significant Impacts and Mitigation Measures the major elements of the department's cultural resources program is summarized and finally, on page 3-150 at the bottom of the second paragraph is a clear statement that "The intent of the Board Preferred Alternative is to actively communicate and promote collaboration with the tribes to make DNR aware of potential sites so that they can be protected".

In addition, the Board preferred actually expands upon the 1992 policy by also directing the department to actively communicate and promote collaboration with the tribes on issues related to culturally-significant areas, such as traditional cultural properties and current cultural use in addition to historic and archaeological sites.

#### Policy Option

Given the discussion in the FEIS that the Board's preferred policy on Cultural Resources is intended to continue the existing program of identifying and protecting historic and archaeological sites, the policy language could remain unchanged, or could be slightly modified to be responsive to the Yakama's comments as shown on the amendment on the blue sheet, which was drafted for the Board's consideration, that would reinforce the Board's intent to identify and protect such sites.

Mr. Anderson said he wanted to identify and protect cultural resources and he felt that the statement reading "the department will", is all inclusive.

Ms. Bergeson asked if this language on the amended resolution is the same as language throughout the policy.

Mr. Sprague explained that whether the change is made or not the department is already identifying and protecting cultural resources and the updated policy continues that practice.

Mr. Anderson read a line that said "the Department will develop a program" and felt that it was different than saying you will identify and protect them. He said he preferred the language in the old policy.

Mr. Sprague

MOTION: Ms. Bergeson moved the amendment to the language in the policy presented today.

SECOND: Mr. Bernardo seconded.

ACTION: Motion passed with three Board members, Mr. Anderson voting no to the motion.

MOTION: Ms. Bergeson moved to approve the adoption of the Policy for Sustainable Forests as amended; Resolution 1208.

SECOND: Mr. Anderson seconded.

ACTION: Motion passed unanimously

Mr. Sutherland read comments about the adoption of the Policy for Sustainable Forests by Dr. Bruce Bare who was unable to attend the meeting. Dr. Bare approves of the policies laid out in the document and approves the adoption.

Mr. Nichols thanked DNR staff for their hard from 1992 to present. Mr. Anderson seconded that statement.

Ms. Bergeson echoed her appreciation of all the hard work staff has done to make this a strong document.

Mr. Sutherland stated that this board is the most engaged, least bashful, most willing to ask questions, and make recommendations, which reflects the thoughts and energies of the Board and reflects the forward thinking of the Board, making DNR staff better and the use of our trust lands better.

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS FOR GENERAL ITEMS OF INTEREST**

### Betsy Livesay - Citizen

Ms. Livesay referenced the Tumwater School District's proposal to lay claim for a 66 acre parcel of land to be used for an elementary school. She would like to discourage it. She said they are planning to build a school in a working forest and there is only one way in and one way out, which is Delphi Road. All the traffic would go into and out of the woods. She felt that the school did not need 60 acres and that some of that would be sold for development. McLane Creek Nature trail is in the area and would be affected by the use. She said the trees are nearly ready to be harvested and would bring income to the trusts. She would like the trust land to be preserved.

Meeting adjourned at 2:20 p.m.

Approved this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2006

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Sasha Lange, Board Coordinator